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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Dec-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/01/01	11/24/01
BRO-FRY	153,012	127,202
LT HENS	2,106	1,280
HVY HENS	1,469	963

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEKS ENDING 24-Nov-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	393	11	404
LAST WEEK	277	0	277
SAME WK YR AGO	417	0	417
TO DATE 2001	19,272	294	19,566
TO DATE 2000	21,328	590	21,918

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,567	942	2,509
LAST WEEK	1,845	1,545	3,390
SAME WK YR AGO	1,551	944	2,495
TO DATE 2001	102,530	65,029	167,559
TO DATE 2000	109,903	68,476	178,379

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 24-Nov-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	113,595 (A)	1,174	931	2,105
AVG WT	4.98	3.41	7.71	5.31
LAST WEEK	152,275	1,568	1,545	3,113
SAME WEEK YR AGO	111,581	1,134	944	2,078
AVG WT	5.20	3.45	8.09	5.56
TO-DATE/2001	7,206,169	83,258	64,735	147,993
TO-DATE/2000	7,225,409	88,575	67,886	156,461

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 115 million head or 34.1 million head more than or 77 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING November 17, 2001**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	30,024	21,873	40,044
AVG WEIGHT	3.68	4.73	6.21
% OF TOTAL /1	33%	24%	44%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	27,424	27,750	44,272
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.76	6.28
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	28%	45%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	23,915	26,502	38,173
AVG WEIGHT	3.76	4.78	6.21
% OF TOTAL /1	27%	30%	43%
TO DATE/2001	1,434,137	1,267,925	1,999,621
TO DATE/2000	1,508,091	1,534,119	1,861,904

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 24-Nov-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,131	1,669	28	2	2,830
AVG WT	15.59	35.35	24.17	24.95	27.33
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,376	3,150	39	6	5,571
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,133	1,778	41	11	2,963
AVG WT	15.25	34.53	23.80	27.88	26.98
TO-DATE/2001	95,103	130,000	2,136	538	227,787
TO-DATE/2000	229,337 (B)		1,532	1,205	232,074

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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